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In re Application of :
Alfred P. Hildebrand :
Application No. 09/785,024 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: February 15, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 068363.0185 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 21, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) mailed March 15, 2001. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on May 16, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 30, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the \$985.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on July 21, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account no. 02-0383.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200.

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